

Security implications of mobile towers

2735. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various intelligence agencies have warned of the long term security implications of installation of mobile towers along the Indo-Pak border by Pakistan telecom companies;

(b) if so, whether the Pakistan mobile SIM cards are active in various locations in the Indian side which are used for smuggling of drugs and arms;

(c) if so, whether the Vigilance and Telecom Monitoring Cell of the DoT submitted its survey report in this regard to Government; and

(d) if so, the further steps Government proposes to take on the basis of various intelligence reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) to (d) Sir, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is aware that some spillage of signal across the border has been detected and the matter has been taken up with Ministry of External Affairs for arranging a bilateral meeting with Pakistan authorities on the issue of cross border radio interference.

Loss to BSNL during 2009-10

2736. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has suffered net loss of Rs.1823 crore during 2009-10;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such huge losses by BSNL;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed by Government on such huge losses to BSNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to arrest the financial decline of the BSNL and to restructure the business of company to make it profitable?